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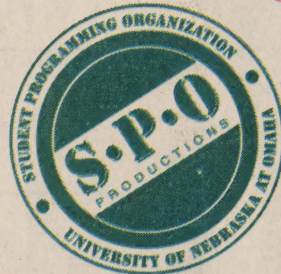


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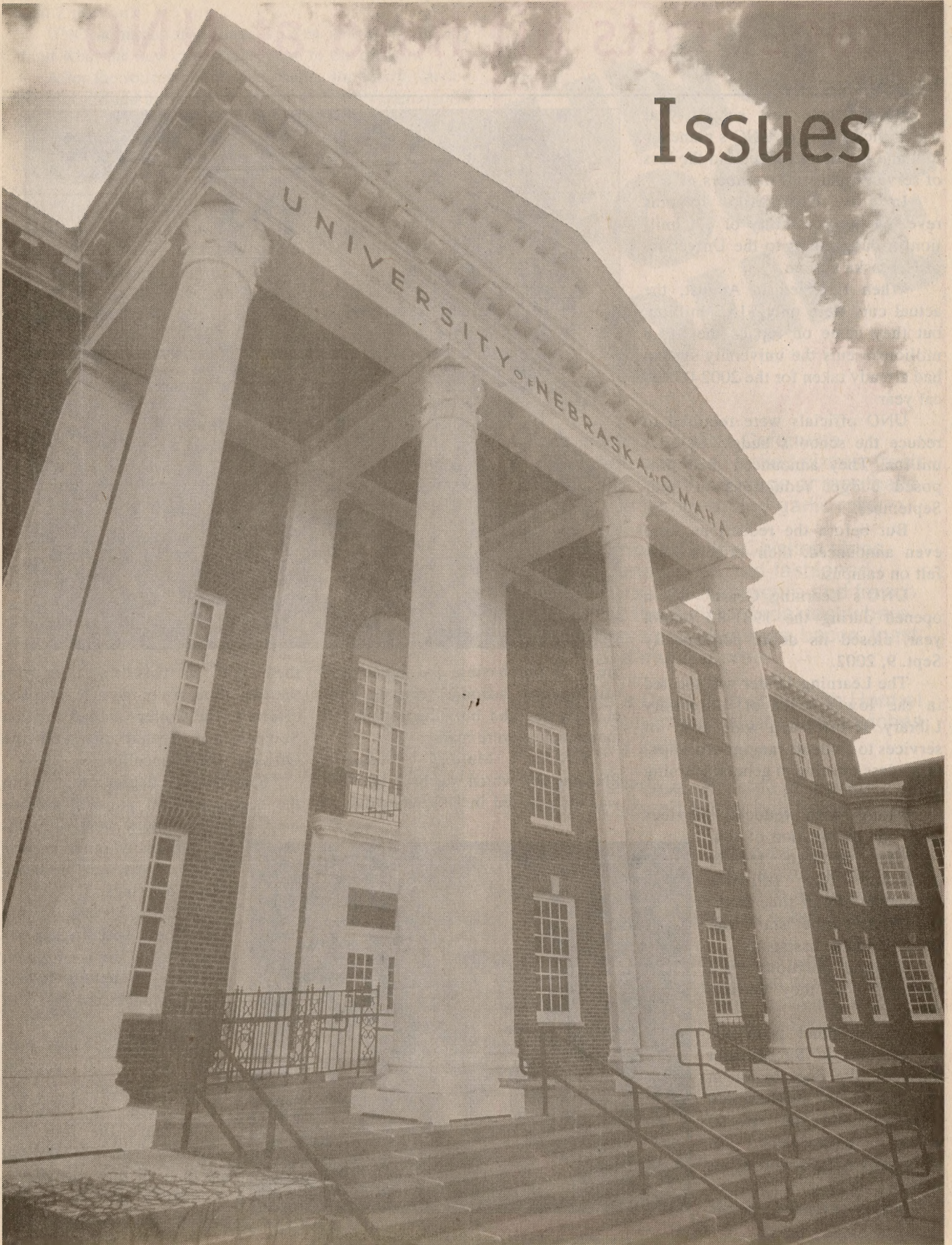
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# Issues



# Budget cuts hit hard at UNO

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

Budget cuts last school year meant the closing of UNO's planetarium and Learning Center and the loss of services and staff members.

In July, Gov. Mike Johanns revealed the possibility of \$20 million in budget cuts to the University of Nebraska system.

When finalized in August, the actual cuts were only \$15.3 million, but they came on top of the \$15.8 million in cuts the university system had already taken for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

UNO officials were required to reduce the school's budget by \$2.3 million. They announced their proposed budget reductions in mid-September.

But before the reductions were even announced, their effects were felt on campus.

UNO's Learning Center, which opened during the 1981-82 school year, closed its doors permanently Sept. 9, 2002.

The Learning Center was located in the lower level of University Library. It offered a wide array of services to students ranging from specific class tutoring to general learning skills.

Along with reduced services came the elimination of four full-time tenured faculty positions, 20.5 full-time equivalent of part-time faculty, 25 full-time staff and seven graduate assistants.

Tenured positions were eliminated as they became vacant.

Among other positions, the director of Recruitment Services, the coordinator in the Office of Institutional Research and the special events coordinator in University Affairs were eliminated.

Other cutbacks in the



photo by Chris Machian

areas of purchasing, facilities, payroll, finance, custodial services, travel expenses and building repair and maintenance were made.

UNO's Mallory Kountze Planetarium, which was built in 1986, was also closed in December due to

the budget cuts. This came along with the reduction of community outreach efforts in the College of Information Science and Technology and the Office of the Chancellor.

The master's degree programs in the departments of political science and sociology were eliminated, and many other departments experienced reduced course offerings.

But the extent of the budget cuts would reach further yet, as Johanns again proposed reductions to the NU system's budget in January.

Gov. Mike Johanns' proposal of a 10 percent decrease in funding for the NU system for 2003-04 would leave the four NU campuses with \$41 million less than the previous year.

UNO's portion of the most recently proposed cuts



photo by Josh Williamson

is \$6.2 million.

UNO administrators have spoken somewhat openly about what the new cuts could mean to the campus.

After the retirement of vice chancellors Gary Carrico and Mary Mudd at the end of the year, UNO's administration will be restructured.

The administration is also looking at alliances and cooperation among all the NU campuses for increased efficiency.

During a February press conference, Chancellor Nancy Belck said there are no plans of laying off any tenured or tenure-track faculty members, which include the most experienced professors at UNO. However, she added that as alliances and mergers are created, there could be some staff layoffs over the next two years. Task forces explored the possibility of combining academic units last year.

Belck told students at a February forum they could anticipate larger section sizes. She also said some courses would be offered less frequently, possibly leading to inflexibility in scheduling.

Increases in tuition and fees, reductions in academic support programs and restricted academic offerings are all likely, said Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Derek Hodgson at the forum.

The budget cuts for the 2003-04 fiscal year will be finalized early in the summer.

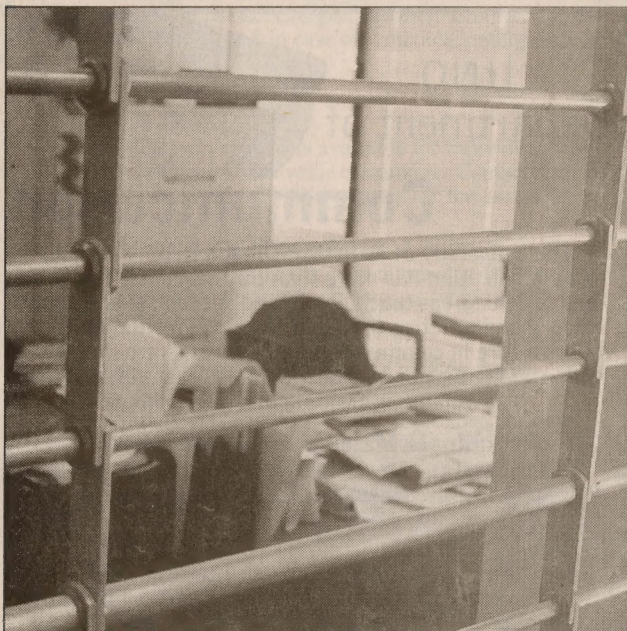


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*UNO's Learning Center officially closed its doors Sept. 9, 2002, as a result of the university's budget-reduction plan. Staff members were asked to leave immediately and were escorted by Campus Security. The Learning Center, which opened in 1981, offered a variety of services and was located in the lower level of University Library.*

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# Students support UNO with activism

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

Painting posters and creating chants were on the agendas of some students this year, as many worked to organize protests against university budget cuts.

The first of three budget protests this school year was held on Oct. 10, 2002. It was organized by UNO's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and University Democrats and coincided with Chancellor Nancy Belck's annual Fall Convocation.

Protesters could be heard chanting "students united will not be divided" above the sound of bagpipes that played as faculty members marched out of the convocation.

About 80 students, faculty and staff members gathered for the protest. Those who stood held signs that said "Why the disparity, don't you like diversity?" and "Open your eyes, reprioritize," among others.

Support for campus departments and programs that promote and teach cultural diversity was also a theme at a late-October anti-budget-cut rally.

The event's organizers set up booths where students could sign up for minors in the Chicano/Latino, Native American and women's studies programs.

The month's second protest was smaller than the first; it attracted about a dozen students and a professor, all of whom spoke out against the cuts.

A system-wide protest held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus in March was by far the highest attended anti-budget demonstration of the year.

More than 150 students representing each of the four University of Nebraska campuses showed up for a walk from the Nebraska Union at UNL to the state capitol building.

The students marched into the capitol building chanting "support the university" and carrying signs with senators' names on them.

"When you hold a sign up with a person's name, it holds them personally accountable," Vince Dreiling, speaker of UNO's Student Government told *The Gateway* the day of the protest.

Some students even ventured into senators' office to speak with them one-on-one.

A group of four students from UNO's School of Social Work went into the office of District 5 Sen. Don Preister to talk about the cuts.

Preister told the students he was once a UNO student who came to Lincoln to request state funding for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

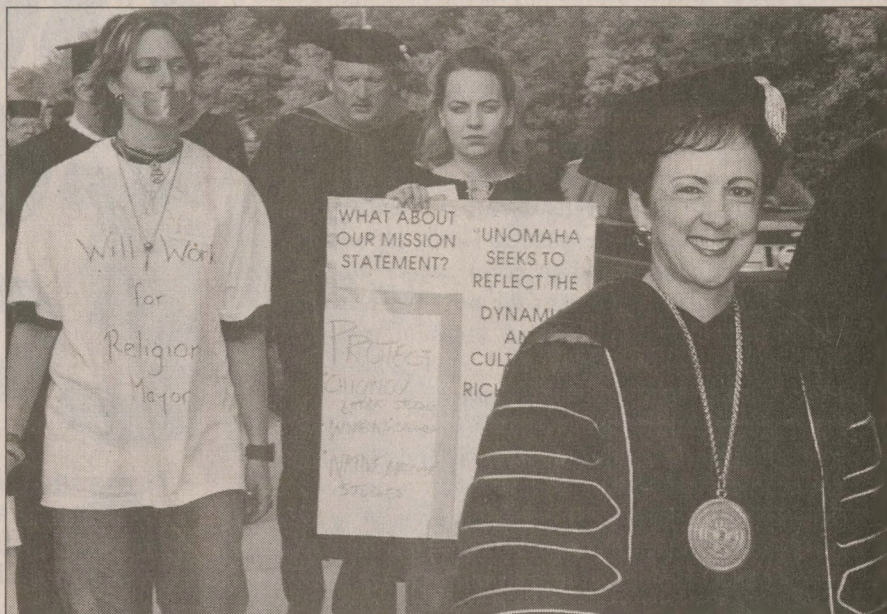


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# Student Government elections

## once again surrounded by controversy, student disputes

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

The results of last year's Student Government elections were the closest they had been in recent years.

When the polls closed Oct. 16, 2002, only 27 votes separated leaders Joe Bilek and Kamina Jones from their opponents Krissy Vogel and Aaron Winters.

No winner was announced in the race because neither set of candidates secured the mandated 50 percent plus one vote needed to win. Bilek and Jones had 47.22 per-

cent of the vote and Vogel and Winters had 44.33 percent.

A run-off election was held Oct. 29 and 30, 2002. Bilek and Jones received 50.88 percent of the total vote, making them the winners in the run-off race.

Many thought it would be smooth sailing from then until the pair's January inauguration, but that was not the case. Three grievances were filed in early November 2002, putting the election results "in dispute."

The first, filed by supporters of Vogel and Winters, alleged a rule prohibiting the mass e-mailing of campaign literature by election candidates or their representatives had been violated by then Student Body President/Regent Shay Riggs.

Riggs, then a senior in the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, sent an e-mail to her entire college that voiced support for Bilek and Jones.

Bilek also filed a grievance alleging a violation of the mass e-



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*Student body president/regent candidates Joe Bilek and Krissy Vogel await the Student Court's decision at an early-November 2002 hearing on grievances filed by both parties about the election.*



photo by Josh Williamson

mail rule. The e-mail in this case was sent by Angie Robertson, a supporter of Vogel and Winters, to 40 people who signed up for e-mail updates at a student-led protest Oct. 10, 2002.

The third grievance, filed by Vogel, alleged the violation of a Student Government rule that states

run-off elections are to be "exclusively between the two candidates receiving the most votes" in the initial election.

Vogel said the allocation of write-in votes during the run-off election violated that rule.

The Student Court, made up of three students, heard the grievances in an early-November 2002 hearing. After the hearing, Student Court justices Steve Sladek, Dave Jarvis and Sam Recop said both sides had equally compromised the elections by sending mass e-mails, but that the results would be upheld.

Both Sladek and Jarvis are members of UNO's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which Bilek is also a member of.

The court also decided Riggs should be removed from office "due to her unethical actions."

However, after the hearing, Sladek said Riggs' removal had to be thrown out because the court did not follow due process.

According to Student Government rules, "Impeachment ... may be initiated by a Student Senate resolution ... [and] must be approved by a three-fourths vote of Student Senators."

Throughout the ordeal, Riggs said she did not do anything wrong by sending the e-mail to the listserv, which HRFS Assistant Interim Dean Fayrene Hamouz said in an e-mail Riggs was not authorized to use.

As to the third grievance, the court said it did not recognize a write-in vote as a third party.

Bilek and Jones were sworn into office in late January.

Winters, who had served as the Student Government's executive treasurer prior to the election, resigned during Bilek and Jones' first meeting in office; and Vogel was appointed to the Student Government as a Graduate College senator in late February.



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# Campus divided over war

Students participate in peaceful demonstrations, support for U.S. troops

T.J. ACCOLA

War hadn't been on the minds of most college students since the early '90s, but it is now back in the collective conscience of higher education.

In many senses, UNO was – and still is – a campus divided over the issue of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With a diverse student body in terms of both nationality and political views, there was really no popular sentiment among UNO students when it came to the war.

Even as soldiers such as former UNO student Tommy Jelinek were being called up for military service in the mounting war, students and faculty alike protested U.S. plans to remove Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from power.

As early as January – two months before the war officially began – anti-war protestors let their sentiments be known in rallies such as Jan. 18's protest in Memorial Park, which drew at least 40 participants.

In contrast, Student Government



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in early March overwhelmingly rejected a proposed letter against the war.

More recently, campus organizations have displayed their support of U.S. troops. The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity tied more than 400 yards of yellow ribbon around trees in

Elmwood Park in early April to show support for the troops.

But despite the seemingly polarized opinions held around campus, the issue has yet to hit fever pitch, even with the end of the war likely near.



photo by Michelle Bishop

# Afghan women make history with trip to UNO



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KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

Thirteen women from Afghanistan arrived at UNO on Oct. 27, 2002.

The women, who ranged in age from 27 to 50, participated in the Afghan Women's Teacher Training Exchange, which aimed to enhance the skills of Afghan women teachers who work in basic education.

UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies, College of Education and Women's Studies Program all helped form the program.

The women, who had never been outside of Afghanistan before, much less traveled on an airplane, were originally scheduled to arrive Oct. 5, 2002, but were delayed due to the unavailability of travel visas.

Five area families played host to the women, and many local businesses helped sponsor the program, which was primarily funded by a \$200,000 grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

During their time in the states, the women participated in ILUNO, UNO's English language program. They also took part in workshops on American culture, visited area schools and did sightseeing in the region.

Twelve of the women left UNO for Washington, D.C. Dec. 2, 2002. The thirteenth, Suraiyaa Aybaadi, did not leave for the

nation's capital with the others because she was hospitalized with a heart condition. She rejoined the women later in the week.

The women stayed in Washington, D.C. until Dec. 7, when they began their return journey to Afghanistan.

Upon their return, the women selected 130 Afghan women educators to share their newly acquired knowledge with in a teacher-training workshop.

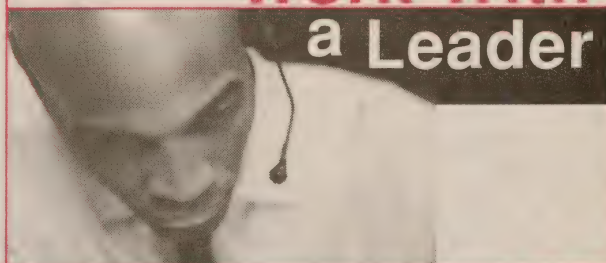
Raheem Yaseer, coordinator of UNO's International Studies and Programs, accompanied the women back to Afghanistan.



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# People





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## Career fair gives UNO students options

"Jump on the MAVPATH to Success," was the theme of this year's UNO career fair.

The career fair, which was hosted by UNO's Career Center, showcased more than 70 businesses in the Ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Students from various academic areas attended the event.

The career fair was an opportunity for students to find part-time or full-time jobs and even internships. A variety of businesses had booths set up to distribute brochures, applications and business card to interested students. Students also had a chance to have representatives from various companies critique and accept portfolios.

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# Say 'Aloha' to UNO's homecoming

SARAH MEEDEL

The Student Programming Organization sponsored a series of events during homecoming week this year at UNO. The theme for this year's festivities was UNOAloha.

SPO tried to include all students in the events, not just sororities and fraternities.

Free food was often used to lure students in to the events, which included free music from local bands such as the Venaculas and Musico.

Other events included rock-climbing, hypnotist Jim Wand, karaoke, a Luau and the homecoming dance.

A variety of fliers for nominees for homecoming king and queen could be seen around campus. Many tried to win votes by handing out candy with their fliers.

Josh Meiners of Delta Sigma Pi won the coveted prize of homecoming king.

Stephanie Kruse was declared homecoming queen but was unable to be at the coronation. Kruse was playing in a soccer game against the University of Northern Colorado. Teammate Julie Moeller was crowned in her honor.

The ceremony was held during the halftime of the homecoming football game, during which UNO beat Minnesota State-Mankato 21 to 15.



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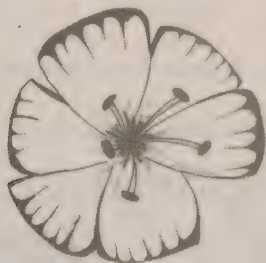
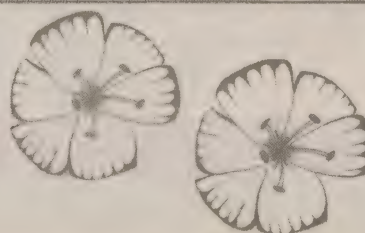


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# SPO highlights headliners at UNO

SARAH MEEDEL

## ABC series celebrates 29 years

For the past 29 years, UNO has been bringing experts to Omaha with its ABC Breakfast Speaker Series.

The series' coordinators aimed to bring relevant speakers of national stature to Omaha to discuss important topics. ABC stands for the groups the lectures' organizers seek to bring together: academy, business and community.

The series began Sept. 11 and continued into the spring semester. Lectures were held at the Holiday Inn Central at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Grover Streets. A breakfast buffet was available to attendees at 7 a.m. and the speakers followed shortly afterwards.

Former CNN co-host of MoneyLine News Hour, Stuart Varney started this year's series. Jaron Lanier, computer scientist and contributing editor of *Wired* magazine discussed "Technology and the Human Soul."

Jeff Corwin, executive producer and host of a popular adventure series on the Animal Planet cable channel, cancelled his Feb. 25 appearance because of a contractual obligation with the television network.

The series finished April 2 with Eleanor Cliff, former White House correspondent and contributing editor at *Newsweek* magazine.

## March Mavness helps students adjust after spring break

Many UNO students dreaded returning to class after spring break.

The Student Programming Organization tried to make the transition a bit smoother by sponsoring a series of events from March 24 through 28. They didn't break out the kegs and sunshine that many students enjoyed on their breaks, but the group was able to provide a little fun a relaxation for many students.

Students enjoyed free food and the music of The Return in the Nebraska Room March 24.

For those feeling a bit stressed out, the Omaha School of Massage Therapy provided free massages in the fireplace lounge March 25. Munchies were also provided at no additional cost.

That evening, SPO sponsored a Playstation II war in the Student Center.

On March 26, free skating was available at Skateland to those with student IDs.

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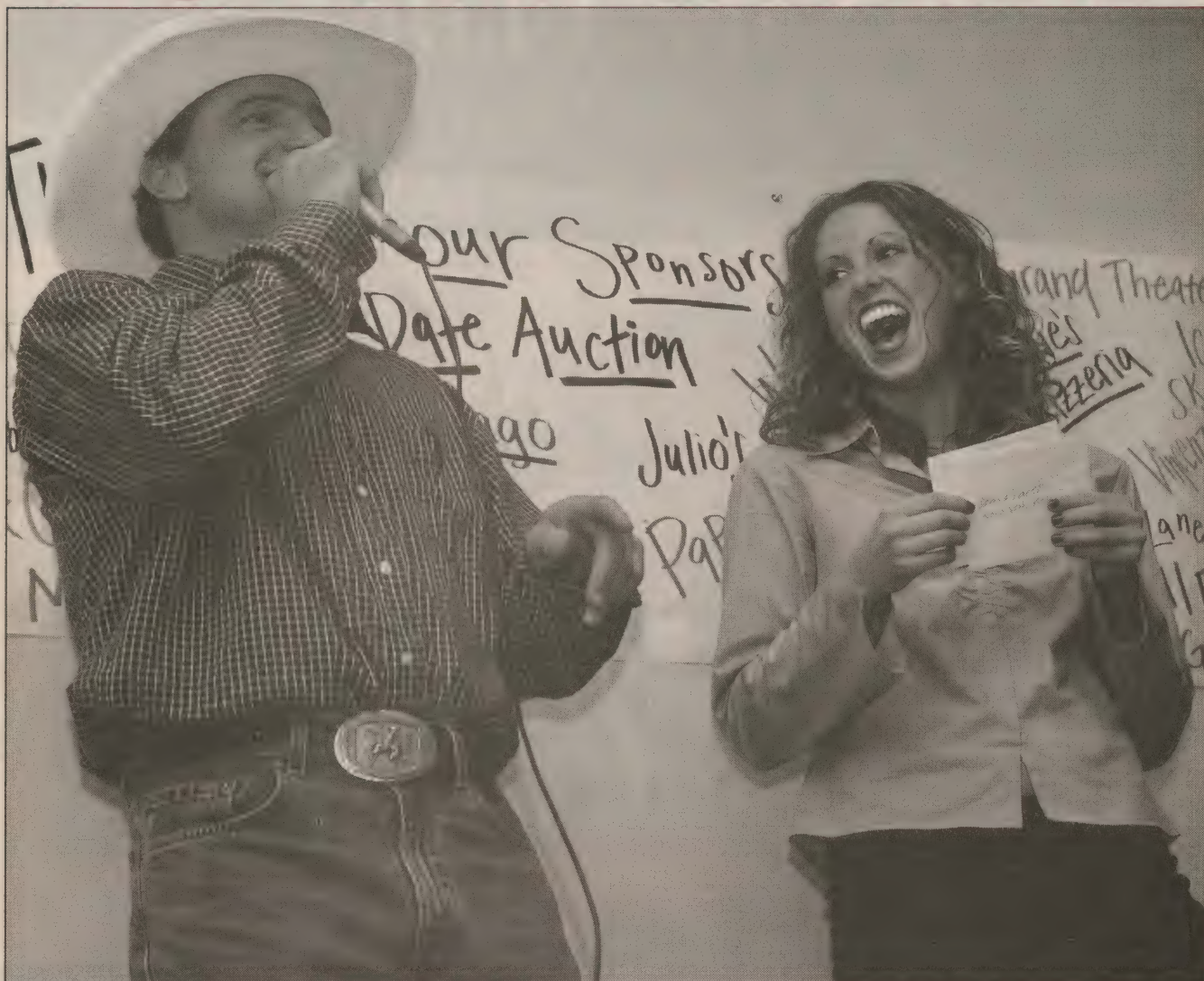


photo by Josh Williamson

SARAH MEEDER

Dateless students got the chance to win a night of romance at the University Village clubhouse in November.

Resident advisers auctioned off single on-campus residents during an event to raise funds for charity.

Proceeds from the event went to Ted E. Bear Hollow. The organization was created in 1998 and specializes in helping children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The facility offers help from a vast spectrum of professionals who listen to the children and assist them in moving on with their lives.

Twenty volunteers were auctioned off at the event, half were men and half were women.

Participants were presented to the crowd and information from brief biographies they had filled out was

read aloud as they strutted their stuff to music on stage.

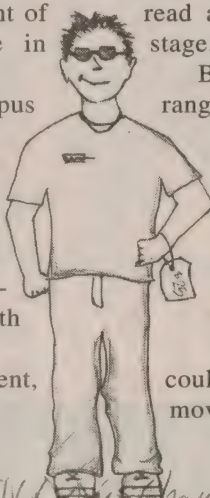
Bidding started at a minimum of \$10. Final bids ranged from \$20 to \$122.

Local establishments donated gift certificates to ensure students had something to do on their dates. Once couples had been determined, their date destinations were revealed.

Restaurant giveaways varied from The Olive Garden to Papa John's Pizza. Most of the eateries' gift certificates were valued at \$20.

For entertainment, \$10 gift certificates that could be used toward ice skating, zoo admission or movie tickets were awarded.

A total of \$902 was raised for Ted E. Bear Hollow at the event.



# PRSSA hosts nutty Nutella carnival

SARAH MEEDEL

A raffle, a pie-eating contest and relays were just a few of the events that highlighted February's Nutella carnival.

The carnival was part of the nationwide public relations campaign known as the Bateman National Case Study

Competition.

Two groups of UNO students participated in the competition. Each group was comprised of five members from UNO's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Groups that represented 200 different universities participated in the competition.

Each group organized events and compiled research about the product and the events it hosted for inclusion in a final project.

A binder of materials detailing each group's campaign was sent to New York in March to be judged. The top three teams will receive prizes and will be sent to New York for a conference.

All participants in the Bateman competition worked specifically to promote Nutella, which is described as a chocolate-hazelnut spread.

At the carnival, a table was set up exclusively for those who wanted to find out

more information about the product.

Another table was set up for students to taste Nutella on bananas, graham crackers and bagels.

Students could also participate in a flying disc toss, enter a musical-chair-like relay, win door prizes and eat in a Nutella pie-eating contest.

Prizes included Nutella samples, coupons for local stores, Omaha Royals Tickets, Funny Bone passes, cash prizes and restaurant gift certificates.

Other events the groups sponsored included the sale of Nutella cappuccino at MJ Java in the Student Center and promotions at a local Hy-Vee grocery store.

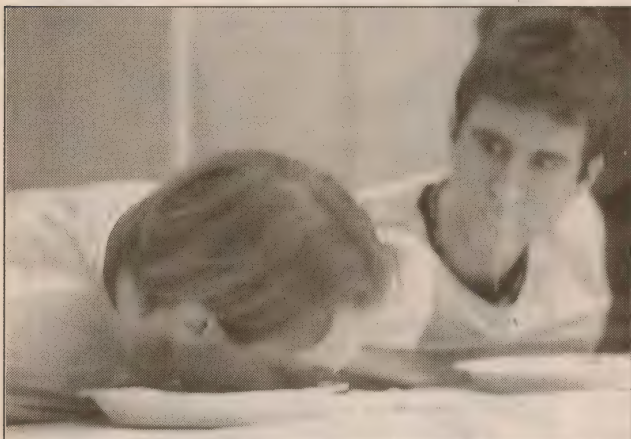


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# UNO gets into the giving spirit

SARAH MEEDEL

The holidays can be a tough time for some.

Last year, many of UNO's students and professors wanted to do what they could to ease the hardships of others.

The Student Government and Faculty Senate teamed up for a toiletry drive for the needy.

Then Student Body President/Regent Shay Riggs considered the drive very successful.

"I'm really shocked at the response," Riggs said of the drive in December.

The UNO Bookstore donated student survival packs of toiletries that were left over from a fall giveaway to aid the group's effort. The Student Government office was filled with massive amounts of deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo.

"You can't walk in here without being overpowered by the scent of Secret," Riggs told *The Gateway* in December.

All of the items collected during the toiletry drive were donated to

the Open Door Mission.

Toy drives for youngsters were also popular last holiday season, and were sponsored by multiple campus organizations.

Alpha Kappa Delta, UNO's international sociology honor society, and University Village teamed up to collect items for Toys for Tots.

The Association of Latino American Students ran a separate toy drive at St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Adopting a family was also a common way to help out. Circle K and Catholic Campus Ministries each received lists of the needs and wants of impoverished families in the area.

The groups bought presents and food for the families in an attempt to brighten up their holiday seasons.

University Affairs sponsored a mitten tree to help those in need of warm clothing. The group collected mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. Its donations went to the Salvation Army.



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*Many student organizations at UNO participated in fundraisers, clothing and toy drives to support needy families in the Omaha area.*

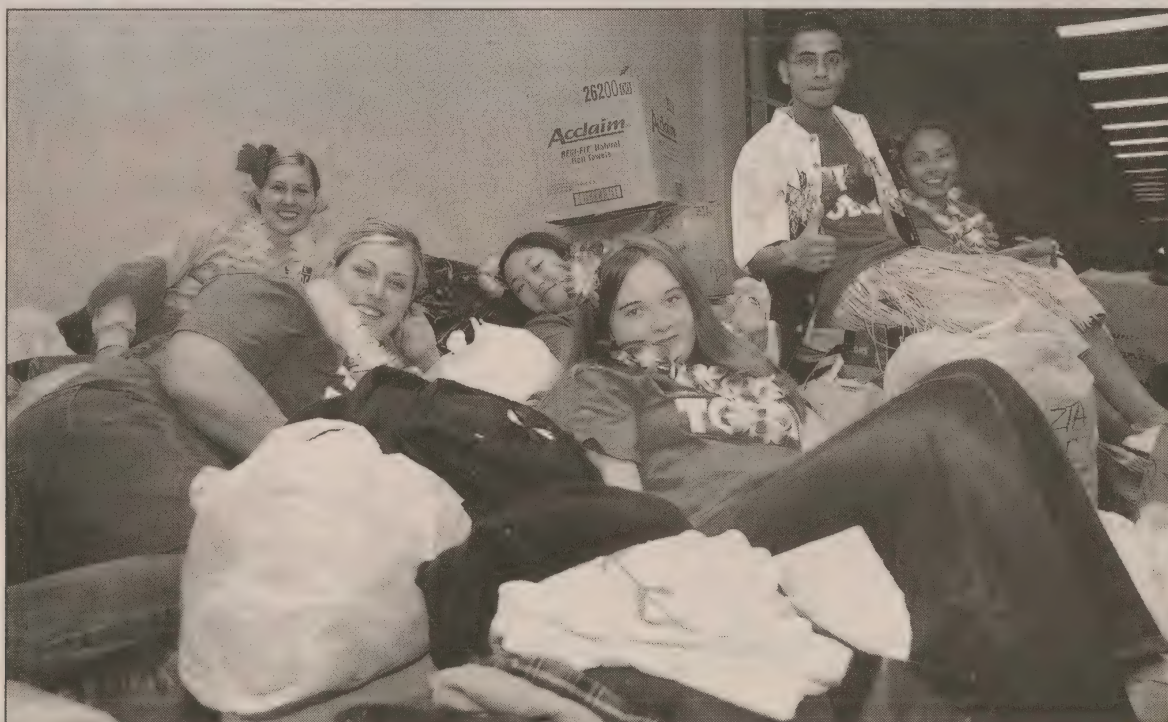


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# UNO snuffs out tobacco with help from sculpture

SARAH MEEDEL

Eta Sigma Gamma, a health education honorary organization at UNO, sponsored this year's first-ever Snuff Out Tobacco campaign.

The campaign began April 2 on National Kick Butts Day. The objective was to raise awareness about the health risks associated with tobacco use.

As part of the campaign, UNO alum Jamie Burmeister created two sculptures.

One of the sculptures was a collection of more than 650 donated ashtrays on a 5-foot spherical sculpture. The ashtrays varied greatly in size, shape and color.

Since January, Burmeister and many volunteers have out the ashy wares to construct a sculpture for the Snuff Out Tobacco campaign.

The other was a giant 20-foot cigarette that could be crawled through. Inside the structure was information about the harmful ingredients in cigarettes. The giant interactive cigarette sculpture traveled to area schools to help children learn about the components of tobacco smoke.

"I don't think this sculpture will stop kids from smoking," Burmeister said. "But it's a little part of a bigger awareness that smoking isn't a healthy thing."

Both of the pieces of art were unveiled April 2 in the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza.

A relay was also held on National Kick Butts Day. The relay was similar to the Olympic torch run, but instead of carrying a flame, participants carried an extinguisher. A flame in a large cigarette was extinguished at the end of the relay, signifying "snuffing out tobacco."

"Little anti-smoking things like this cancel out some of the positive images out there about smoking," Burmeister said.

Funding for the sculptures and other campaign activities came from the Nebraska Health and Human Services.

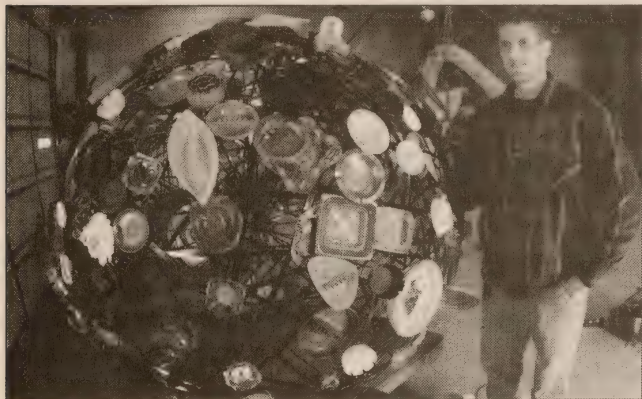


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- The HPER Building will undergo repair and replacement during the month of May. Please call 554-2539 to check if the area you want to use is available.

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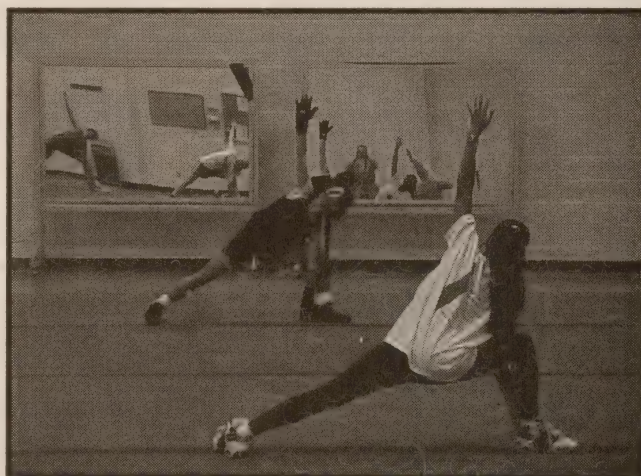
**The pool will be closed the month of May for repairs.**

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# Culture



# Keeping thoroughly amused

MIKE MACHIAN

The Student Programming Organization kept UNO entertained this year. As is the custom, the group brought several bands for on-campus performances. Gracing the stage at UNO this year were local acts Musico, JV Allstars and Cover Story, California-based punk band The Return and Canadian-based duo Easily Amused.

One musical group brought by SPO leaned more toward performance art than classification as a rock band. Recycled Percussion, which made an appearance on campus in March, uses pieces of recycled junk to make music, much in the

same style as *Stomp*. SPO and Women's Resource Center brought the Guerrilla Girls to campus. The Guerrilla Girls are a group of feminists who bring attention to sexism in the art world. The Girls, who use pseudonyms and gorilla masks to hide their true identity, have brought their fight against sexism to areas outside the art world as well. The Girls used humor but brought a serious message to students. SPO also made the student center a true second home for some students by putting on such events as a pajama party and a PlayStation 2 tournament.

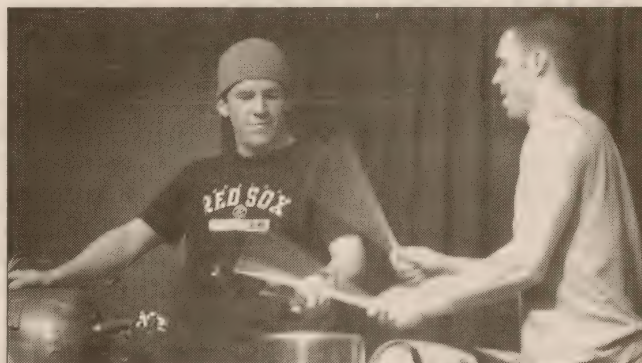


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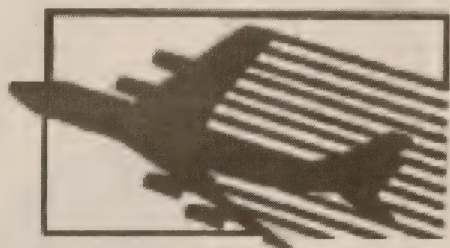
Students were also able to take out any murderous impulses with a game of Lazer Tag in a Lazer Tag arena set up in the Nebraska Room.

If one was looking to leave the familiarity of the campus behind, there was

opportunity for that as well. There was the chance to see Mike Myers and Gwyneth Paltrow in their latest movie, *View From the Top*. Free roller-skating at Skateland was offered for the more active types.

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# UNO gallery full of art

VALERIE CUTSHALL

The UNO art gallery was very busy this year. The gallery displayed works of nationally known artists as well as students.

The gallery season opened with an exhibit featuring Mark Florence, Bruce Humphries and Traci Tullius, all contemporary artists specializing in different media. Florence displayed his abstract paintings of highways and interstates, Humphries showed his *Freak Exhibit* of little characters in a circus environment and Tullius brought her mixed-media exhibit, which included videos, drawings and prints.

The Fall BFA Thesis exhibition opened Nov. 22. It featured the works of four student artists: Jessica Chapman, Adam Findley, Greg Laakso and Kris Peterson. Each artist brought his or her best work to show fellow students and faculty.

The gallery picked up a bit this spring, showing a total of four exhibits. To start the spring season, nationally known installation artist Mary Dritschel displayed her exhibit, *Word for Word*. This exhibit played on the idea that words are an excellent medium for art.

In February, *Remapping the Apron* made its way to UNO. This exhibit took the conventional apron and incorporated it into art. The artists used their own interpretations of what an apron should look like and how it should be used.

The Spring UNO Art Student exhibit was held March 14 through April 11. This exhibit displayed works by UNO students done in various different media.

The Spring BFA Thesis exhibit, like the one held in the fall, displayed student work. The students featured included Andy Clayton, Dustin Noha and Erin M. Onkka. Clayton showed printmaking, Noha showed drawings and Onkka showed sculpture. The exhibit also featured a student art exhibit from the Foundation Program.



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# Omaha: Insert clever slogan here

MIKE MACHIAN

Omaha seems to be going through an identity crisis as of late.

Somehow, Omahans got it in their heads that Omaha could not be a real city until it had a clever slogan.

The solution was something like Omaha: Rare, Well Done.

However, it soon became apparent the city didn't need a slogan that badly. The slogan has been given the can and the search for a new slogan is underway.

While the search goes on, I thought I would do my best to not help it by giving some advice.

Somebody once said we should use, "Omaha: Hey, at least we're not Council Bluffs."

There are several problems here. The primary one is the major insult to our friends to the east.

Secondly, this implies that while we

suck, we don't suck that badly.

This one is an all-around loser and should be stricken from your memory.

Some people are afraid to play upon most people's traditional views of our city. They don't want the slogan to mention cows, farming or anything else that is traditionally Midwest.

I could be wrong, but aren't those the things that make our city unique? Following that faulty logic, I came up with the following suggestions:

- "Omaha: Not for vegetarians"
- "Omaha: More corn than we know what to do with."

There are other things found in the big O that you just won't find in Chicago, Kansas City or Waverly. These things all might make a clever motto. For example:

- "Omaha: More restaurants per capita than anywhere"

• "Omaha: The telemarketing capitol of America"

• "Omaha: The emo capitol of the Midwest."

We could use this desperate need for a slogan as an opportunity to clear up common misconceptions about life in the big O.

For example: "Omaha: No, we don't ride a cow to school," or "Omaha: We only have one country music station, you know."

If these suggestions seem lousy, that's because they are.

When you make a concerted effort to come up with a slogan, you end up with something that sounds like a slightly touched PTA president came up with it. On that note, I would like to end with one more shoddy suggestion: "Omaha: We don't need no damn slogan."

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# Omaha – The next Seattle?

BEN COFFMAN

The Omaha music scene continued its indie-world ascent throughout the 2002-03 school year, with most of the city's notoriety coming from the ever-expanding Saddle Creek record label.

But while the national spotlight continues to illuminate Saddle Creek, many other local bands lurk in the shadows, still content with their seats on the back of the Omaha music scene bus.

For too long, Omaha's music philosophy was a "quantity over quality" formula. Over the last decade, however, the tide turned, and last year continued this progression.

Omaha is now breeding many more bands with vision, purpose and higher ideals – in

short, bands that have shown more artistic and creative integrity.

Saddle Creek Records again had a great year, with full-length releases from mainstay Bright Eyes (*Lifted, or The Story is in the Soil, Keep Your Ear to the Ground*) in summer 2002 and an early 2003 release from Cursive (*The Ugly Organ*). The label also expanded across the pond by launching Saddle Creek Europe in January.

Features, reviews and write-ups of the Saddle Creek groups are too numerous to



mention and appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and various national music magazines. Both Bright Eyes and The Faint had music videos appear briefly on MTV.

Omaha is now becoming an indie-rock hotbed, not quite the "next big thing," but too much like the "next big thing" to be ignored. Omaha's status in the indie-rock scene now seems to mirror cities like Louisville, Ky., Chicago, Raleigh-Durham, N.C. and Athens, Ga.

Just below the national radar, however, are a number of equally talented and creative Omaha groups.

Fromanhole, an instrumental art-rock three-piece, released its first album, *Out of the Flats*, in September. In early 2003, Fromanhole and The Quiet Type, another Omaha band, released a split 7" record.

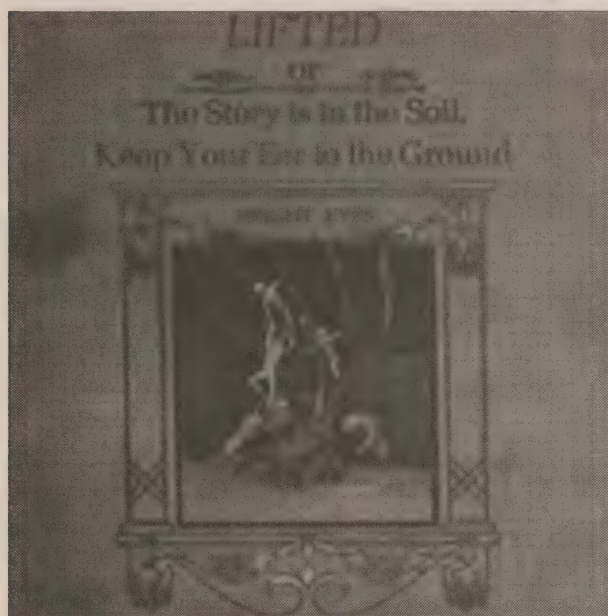
The Sound of Rails, an Omaha band that has opened for independent heavyweights

Don Caballero and Dianogah throughout the Midwest, released its second full-length album, *Night Time Simulcast*, in early 2003.

Ravine, a band that exemplifies D.I.Y. integrity, played a tribute-to-Bauhaus Halloween show, along with a couple of Kansas City, Mo., bands that did Joy Division tributes.

Redemption Records also released a conceptual double CD compilation called *NE vs. NC*, which refers to the at-times competitive and incestuous relationship Omaha and Lincoln have formed with another indie hotbed, Raleigh-Durham, N. C.

Redemption, a label that has released albums by Omaha rockers Ritual Device and Grasshopper Takeover, now features a heavy cross-section of the Omaha independent music scene with bands like Race for Titles, Cursive, Neva Dinova, Desaparecidos, The Good Life, The Faint, The Carsinogens and The Sound of Rails.



# Live music abounds at local venues

MIKE MACHIAN

With the exception of The Strokes, Tori Amos and a few others, not many major concerts came Omaha's way this year.

It seems the local crowd (along with the rest of the world) was focused in on the local and indie music scenes. That focus has more to do with the quality of local acts as opposed to lack of national shows. It also seems most of that scene seemed to revolve around the Sokol Hall and its smaller, darker basement, the Sokol Underground, which are both located at 2234 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Psycho-surf rock band The Carsinogents celebrated the Ides of March by releasing its first full-length album, *Ole*. The packed show in the Sokol Underground was filled with smoke and flashing lights. Race for Titles also released its self-titled debut album in the Sokol Underground.

Local record label Saddle Creek Records saw new releases by Cursive, Bright Eyes and Rilo Kiley. Bright Eyes put on a benefit concert for Omaha's Act to Stop War

Coalition in late March.

And They Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead brought its sometimes-violent show to the Sokol Underground in September, and New York-based band Interpol braved a blizzard to perform there in January. On Valentine's Day, the Underground several bands graced the Underground, including the married duo of Mates of State.

Omahans were also promised several concerts that did not materialize. Incubus was mysteriously cancelled for slow ticket sales and Stonesour was moved to Lincoln. A Ranch Bowl show by CKY was cancelled because of an injury suffered by guitarist Chad Ginsburg, according to the band's Web site. After a show at the House of Blues in Chicago, he slipped on some chairs and broke some bones.



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# The year-in-review quiz

BEN COFFMAN

Like my fourth grade teacher Mrs. Schickbuster always said: "Those who fail to learn in history are doomed to repeat it (the fourth grade)." I think you can take that general rule and apply it to a lot more than just the fourth grade — maybe even life. OK, maybe I'm taking that a bit too far.

But anyway, last year was eventful, exciting and long. So what are you doomed to remember from that year?

**1) Dana Friedman told the *Miami Herald*, "It made you feel a sense of empowerment, and that you can accomplish anything." To what event was Friedman referring?**

a) A dozen Burger King marketing executives suffering first- and second-degree burns while walking over hot coals as part of a team-building retreat in October 2002.

b) The 2002 World's Strongest

Man Competition, which was won by Friedman after she successfully tore the hood off a Volkswagen bus in less than 30 seconds using only her butt cheeks.

c) Global warming.

**2) In 2002, our president, George Herbert Walker Texas Rangers Bush II...**

a) nearly choked on a pretzel.

b) asked a crowd of adoring supporters: "Jenna and Barbara, have you been drinking again?"

c) debuted his hit show, *The Osbournes*.

**3) In Britain, an obnoxious bloke named Simon Turner created the world's first symphony for the mobile phone. The name of his symphony was:**

a) The New Ring Cycle.

b) Please Shut Off All Real Instruments Prior to the Performance.

c) Just Another Day at the UNO Library.

**4) Bowlingual was invented ...**

a) as a bark translator that enables dogs to communicate with humans.

b) as a bow translator for Americans unsure of what certain bows mean in Tokyo.

c) as a training tape for Bowflex users.

**5) Throughout the past year, drought and sporadic wild fires ...**

a) raged throughout the Western United States.

b) raged between Oprah Winfrey's thighs when she walked.

c) graced the covers of several national magazines.

**Answers:** Score yourself one point for every "A" question, no points for anything else. So here's how you did.

5 points: You paid attention last year. Skip ahead one year to 2004.

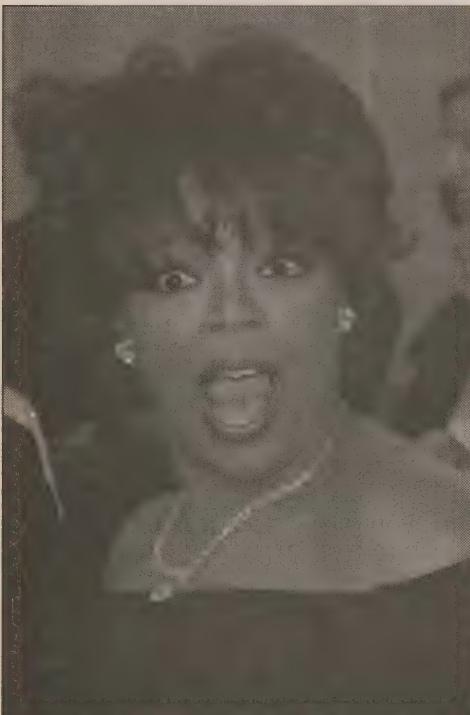
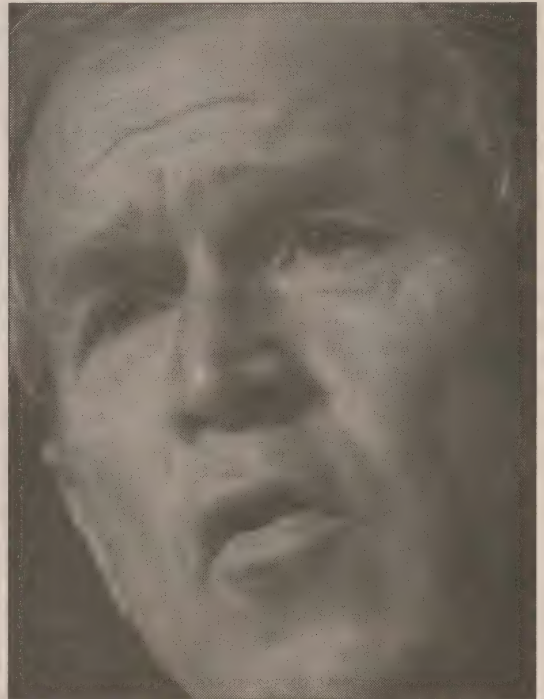
4 points: You're still pretty on top of things. Move on to the rest of 2003!

3 points: OK, you scraped by. But you better pay attention to what's going on this year.

2 points: Look, this isn't rocket science. Wasn't it obvious you had to pick "A?" You've failed and must repeat last year. Good luck.

1 point: Go back two years to 2001.

0 points: If your birthday is between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2002, go ahead and advance to next year. If not, go back 10 years.



# Area art galleries flourish

VALERIE CUTSHALL

Many people do not know Omaha has a buzzing art scene.

Contemporary art, industrial-scale ceramics, photography – it was all represented in Omaha last year.

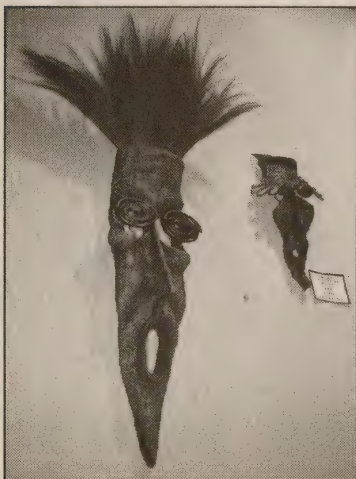
The Joslyn Art Museum was very busy, hosting several exhibits from out of town. Wood engravings by Albrecht Durer were featured from January to March.

Two photography exhibits graced the Joslyn's halls.

Wright Morris' pieces combined words and photos and told about everyday American life in February and March, and Howard Buffet's *Tapestry of Life* used photography to show men and women at work, children, atrocities and life and culture from around the world in April and May.

For Valentine's Day, the Joslyn held College Night, where area college students could attend the museum for free and enjoy an evening with a loved one.

Also during the month



of February, Michael Goldberg's abstract artwork was displayed. Goldberg paints with bold, vivid colors and uses the traditional paint and brush as well as thick marks of oil stick.

Jun Kaneko, a native of Japan, had his first solo show at the Joslyn from March to May. Kaneko works as an industrial-scale sculptor, mostly with ceramics. Kaneko previously participated in several group exhibits in the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art and the Joslyn.

Other galleries around town also found themselves especially busy this year. An exhibit featuring Irish and Irish-American artists was on display at the O'Keefe Gallery during the first part of March.

Metropolitan Community College displayed *Visual Thaw*, artwork by students, at its southwest campus. The exhibit included a variety of pieces in mixed media, ranging from sculpture and paintings to metalwork.

Across town at Western Heritage Museum, *The History of Photography: A View Once Imagined* told the history of how photography went from a means of catching criminals to a form of preserving memories. This exhibit was on display in February and March.

*Garden Impressions* by Katrina Methot-Swanson was featured at the Lauritzen Gardens from March to May. This exhibit featured realistic

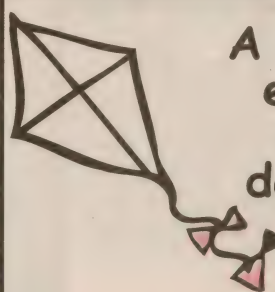


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floral-themed paintings.

Last but not least, the Fluxion Gallery featured works by Steve Joy in April. Joy used gold leaf,

beeswax, wood blocks and acrylic to create abstract works of art and incorporated techniques dating back to the Byzantine Empire.



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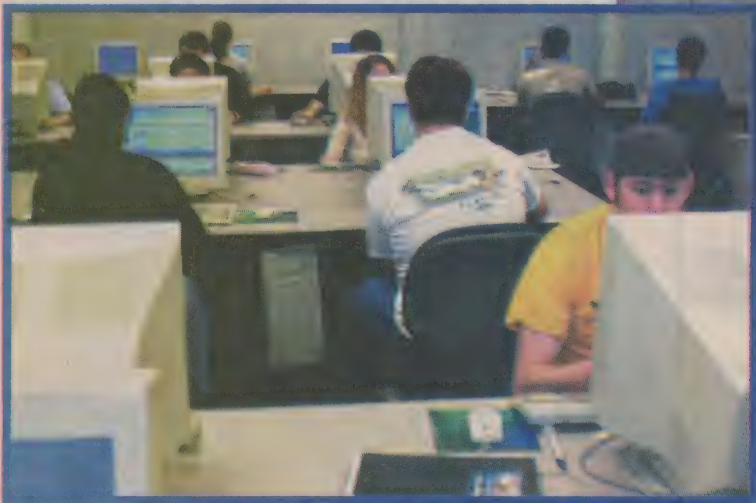
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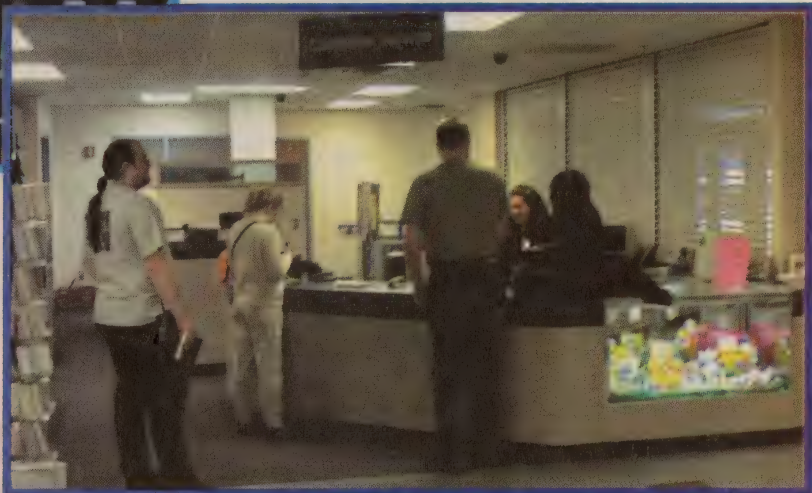
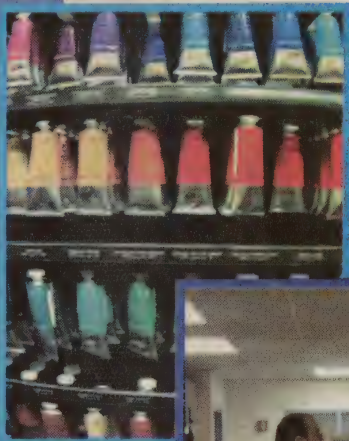
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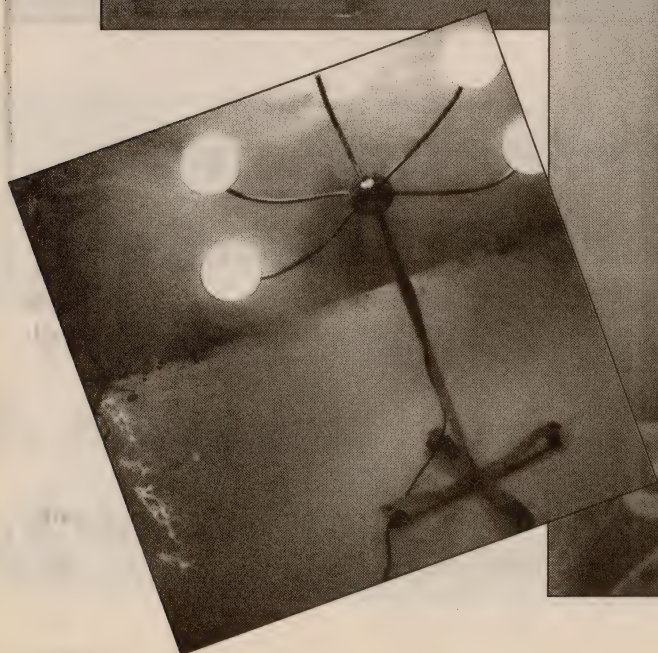
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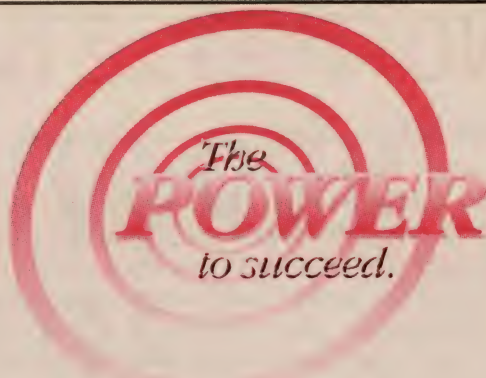
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# UNO Theatre has successful season

KRIS KOHLMEIER

The UNO Theatre Department presented several high-quality productions this year.

The first production was *Bang, Bang, You're Dead*. This play, a new student showcase, addressed school violence. Theatre Department Chair Sharon Sobel said several high school groups came to watch.

Next was the first mainstage production, *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Reviewer Valerie Cutshall said, "The characters were developed carefully, and there was great emotion in every scene."

*Angels in America* was the next mainstage production in November. Like *Streetcar*, *Angels* is a well-recognized play. Sobel said both fall mainstage productions were well received and sold well.

In January, the Faust student theater group put on *Stop Kiss*, a controversial play addressing the topic of gay bashing.

The next mainstage production was *The Bakkhai of Euripides*, directed by Ron Zank as his graduate thesis. The Greek tragedy was made modern by the use of choral work and drumming.

The last mainstage production was *Blithe Spirit*, a play debuted in World War II to brighten up spirits.

"It's important to turn to theater, not only for new ideas and

controversial subjects, but to make ourselves feel positive and happy," Sobel said.

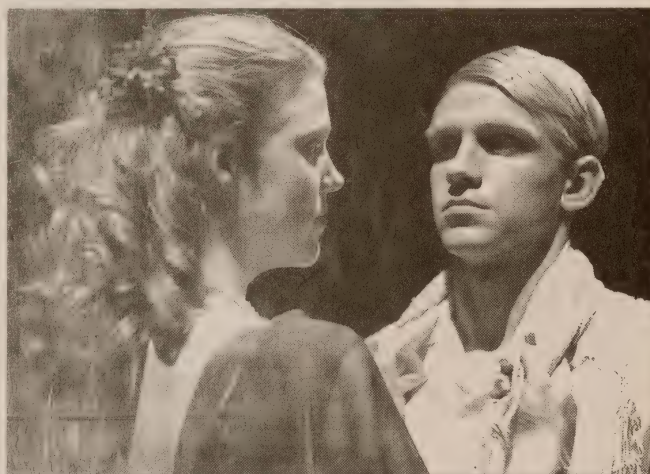


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## In Memorium

*UNO lost the following students and faculty and staff members since the publication of last year's Retrospect:*

- **Anani Acouetey**, College of Business Administration freshman, March 30
- **Gary Bucchino**, 67, College of Business Administration adjunct faculty member, April
- **Ronald "Ron" Burke**, 57, professor of religious studies, April 5
- **Neil Morgensen**, 56, assistant vice chancellor of business and finance and director of facilities management and planning, April 17
- **Kathleen "Kate" Granrose**, 36, assistant professor of Spanish and women's studies, April 19
- **Willis Rokes**, 75, College of Business Administration retired professor, April 23
- **Ray Collins**, 61, retired facilities operator, July 21
- **Margaret Killian**, 95, retired professor and chair of the home economic department, July 31
- **Bernie Kolasa**, 64, political science professor, Sept. 30
- **Todd Hendrickson**, 43, athletic department sports psychiatrist, Oct. 2
- **Steele Lunt**, retired biology professor, Oct. 4
- **Ron Kaiser**, 56, accountant with accounting services, Oct. 19
- **Charlie Petzold**, 62, KVNO radio, November
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# Athletics



# Mav women hold their own in NCC

PAUL FREELAND

Scoring records were written and rewritten as the 2002-03 season saw the Maverick women's basketball team return to postseason play.

UNO went 7-4 in non-conference games, including two games in which the Mavs scored 100 points or more. UNO rolled past Southern Colorado 105-68 in the Maverick Classic, setting a new school record for points in a game. The record was short-lived, though, as less than a week after a 96-93 triple overtime loss at Central Missouri State, the Mavericks rewrote the record books with a 107-95 win over Doane College. Tanya Hammes led the Mavs with a season-high 37 points.

North Central Conference play proved much less kind to UNO. The Mavs were swept at Sapp Fieldhouse the opening weekend of 2003 by NCAA Division II powers North Dakota and North Dakota State.

The Mavericks did, however, manage to once again rewrite the single-game scoring record, erasing a 57-51 halftime deficit and winning 108-100 at Minnesota State-Mankato.

Wins proved hard to come by down the stretch, as UNO posted a 1-6 record in February. With their postseason hopes on the line, the Mavericks traveled to Augustana, needing a win to seal their spot in the NCC tournament. Trailing 56-52 with 9:02 left in the game, Peterson scored eight straight points and 13 of the team's next 15 to put the Mavericks ahead to stay.

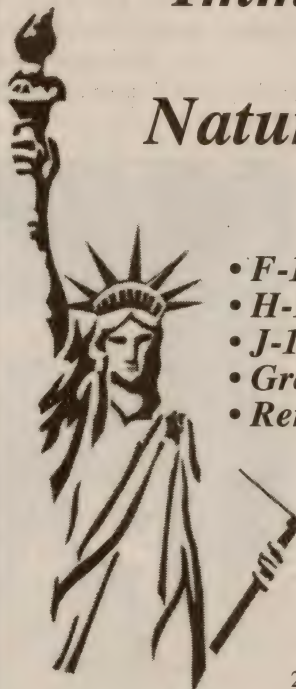
UNO closed the regular season in a fifth-place tie with Northern Colorado and won the tie-breaking coin flip, pitting the Mavs against fourth-seeded NDSU. The Mavericks fell 113-69 and finished the season with a mark of 12-16 and 5-11 in the NCC. The conference had four teams, including eventual national champion South Dakota State, ranked in the top 20 at the end of the season.

Peterson and Hammes were both named to the all-NCC squad and Rachel Volnek made the NCC all-academic team with a 3.947 cumulative GPA. Peterson, Hammes, Volnek and third-leading scorer Kara Paul depart from the team after finishing their UNO careers.



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# Farewell to the football seniors

BRIAN BRASHAW

Though some members of the UNO football team thought this season was a disappointment because the Mavs did not make the playoffs, the seniors leave the program with a strong resume attached to their time at UNO.

The departing seniors played through four of seven consecutive winning seasons for the Mavericks, compiling a record of 32-14 over four years. This included a conference championship and two runs through the Division II playoffs.

Some of the players reflected on their careers after the game. Johnnie Nolen went through a tough senior season with the Mavericks. Nolen started out as the starting running back for UNO, but after he sustained a minor injury, James E. Johnson got the call.

Though he did see action in most games and rushed for 585 yards and five touchdowns over the season, Nolen never got the starting job back.

"It's been up and down all year," Nolen said. "Coming in the starter and then being second string was tough. But being a football player, you've got to keep your mind into it and stay focused."

Johnson recognized the team could have done better but felt going out on top would give next year's team something to build on.

"I think by winning our last game, it's really going to give the incoming players something to work on," Johnson said. "They are going to look at this and realize they have to put in a little more."

Johnson rushed for 1,043 yards last season, though he wasn't given a starting role until about midway through the year.

Head Coach Pat Behrns said of Johnson: "That's going to be a young man we are going to miss. He's never been credited for being one of our great tailbacks. He rushed for over 1,000 yards and, in my estimation, he's been one of the better backs we've

had."

Buck Rasmussen also played his last game against Augustana. Rasmussen came back this year after sitting out last season with a knee injury.

He played through pain and even a knee dislocation against Northern Colorado to lead the defense both on the field and off.

"It's a hard thing to lose a big guy like that," Behrns said. "He's shown great leadership, he's been the guy that's pulled people together and talked about the program and talked about the legacy you need to leave."

Rasmussen is an education major. If he doesn't get drafted to the NFL, he is



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scheduled to start student teaching next year.

"Can you imagine him one day teaching one of your kids, because that's what he is going to do," Behrns said. "And thank goodness we've got guys like that going out into teaching."

Other seniors departing from the Maverick program include Conor Riley, who was twice named the North Central Conference most valuable offensive lineman and kicker Troy Severson, who leaves UNO as the school's all-time leading scorer.

Behrns will also miss the likes of Adrian Hernandez, a solid pass coverage man, Lucas Brigman, another beef-eating offensive lineman and punter Kevin Ruch, who often pinned the opposing offense so far back the end zone was a road trip.

Whether UNO has an eighth consecutive winning season may rest on the shoulders of quarterback Brian Masek and whoever Behrns names the starting running back next season.

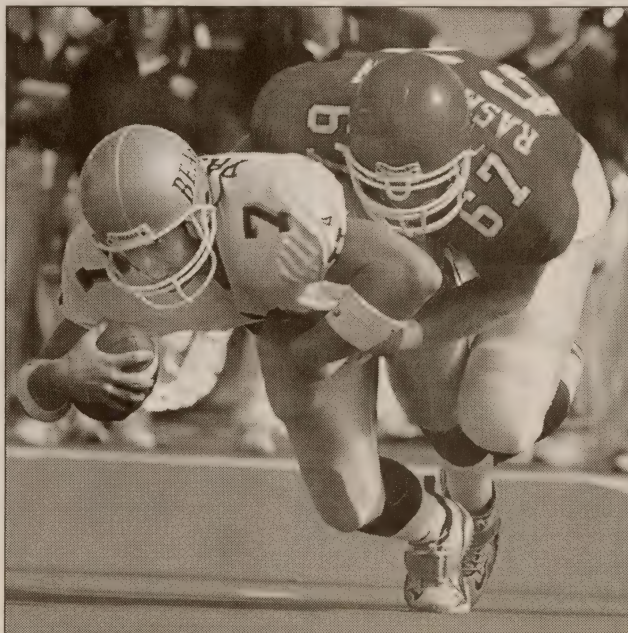


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# A look into UNO football's future

BRIAN BRASHAW

"Welcome to college football," UNO quarterback Brian Masek said after his last game as a freshman, a win over Augustana.

He said it with a smirk and a memory of how he was battered around by the sport that season and yet survived. The game has hazed him, and next season, he'll be back for more.

At the beginning of the season, the offense rested in the capable hands of Trey Guidry. By the third game of the season against Midwestern State, Masek was the man. He started proving his arm and threw his first touchdown pass as a Maverick in that game, two games after his first interception against Kearney. The Midwestern State game was also his first win.

However, in the next game, Masek would have his worst outing at South Dakota State. He went three for 18 passing with one interception and was benched in favor of Guidry. Guidry came in and pulled UNO back with three touchdown passes in a 15-for-18, 216-yard performance in which he played just over one full quarter. However, the Mavericks still fell 38-21.

"It was a year of ups and downs, for

all of us," said running back Johnnie Nolen, who also fought for a starting role.

But the torture and hazing was yet to come for the freshman slinger from Columbus. In the very next game, a 17-10 win over South Dakota, Masek was popped with a helmet. His chin split and was bleeding, and he left the game to get stitched up. Guidry came in and scored one rushing touchdown and led UNO to another victory.

Masek's spot wasn't secure, but his toughness was no longer in question, although it was tested against Northern Colorado.

While rushing down the field along the sideline for a first down, Masek was cracked out of bounds and out of consciousness. The trainers again took him to the sideline, gave him the "follow the finger test" and sat him.

"He's gotten beat up pretty good, but he's hung in there pretty well," UNO Coach Pat Behrms said. "When you have a redshirt freshman like that playing like he's been playing, it's a tribute to him, because that's not easy. This is a harsh game."

Again Guidry came in and led the Mavericks from behind to tie Northern Colorado, twice. But UNO fell 30-23 in a heartbreaking double overtime loss.

Masek then figured he had paid his dues, taken his knocks and decided it was time for the hazing to stop and time for him to step up. He came back from the knock to lead UNO to four wins in its last five games, which gave the Mavericks their seventh-straight winning season.

Through adversity came a leader. Masek threw for 982 of his 1,233 yards in the last five games and seven of his eight touchdowns. He ran for another 417 yards and seven more scores on the year, by far the most productive freshman quarterback in recent UNO history. Only six quarterbacks have thrown for more yards in a single season since 1980, and none were freshman.

"For us coming back, we have something to build on," Masek said. "We can continue with those wins."

And now college football will welcome Masek in a much more respectful manner next season.

# Volleyball team has tough go with young squad

BRIAN BRASHAW

Fielding a team where 11 of the 16 players were sophomores or younger proved to be a difficult task for UNO volleyball Coach Rose Shires.

Still, the team started the season well, with the Mavericks winning seven of their first eight matches and 12 of their first 15.

UNO could not manage to ride that momentum through the year, though, as they the team managed just three wins in its final 16 matches.

UNO finished the 2002 campaign with a 14-17 overall record. The squad finished eighth in the North Central Conference with a 4-12 NCC ledger.

The 2002 season was highlighted by three wins over ranked opponents, including a victory over 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked North Dakota State to open the conference season and two wins over No. 24 Augustana, one at season's end.

The team said farewell to Nikki Mastny, who was a three-time all-American with the team before she had to end her career due to back problems. Mastny played in UNO's final home game and led the team in kills with 24.

Senior middle blocker Jewelina Grennan was named to the 2002 all-North Central Conference volleyball team for the second straight season. Grennan led the 2002 Mavericks with 413 kills and was second with 372 digs and third with 48 blocks. She also garnered all-academic honors for the second season.

The Mavericks have signed a host of letters of intent to help the team next season. With such a young roster, the volleyball team is hoping to improve with experience.

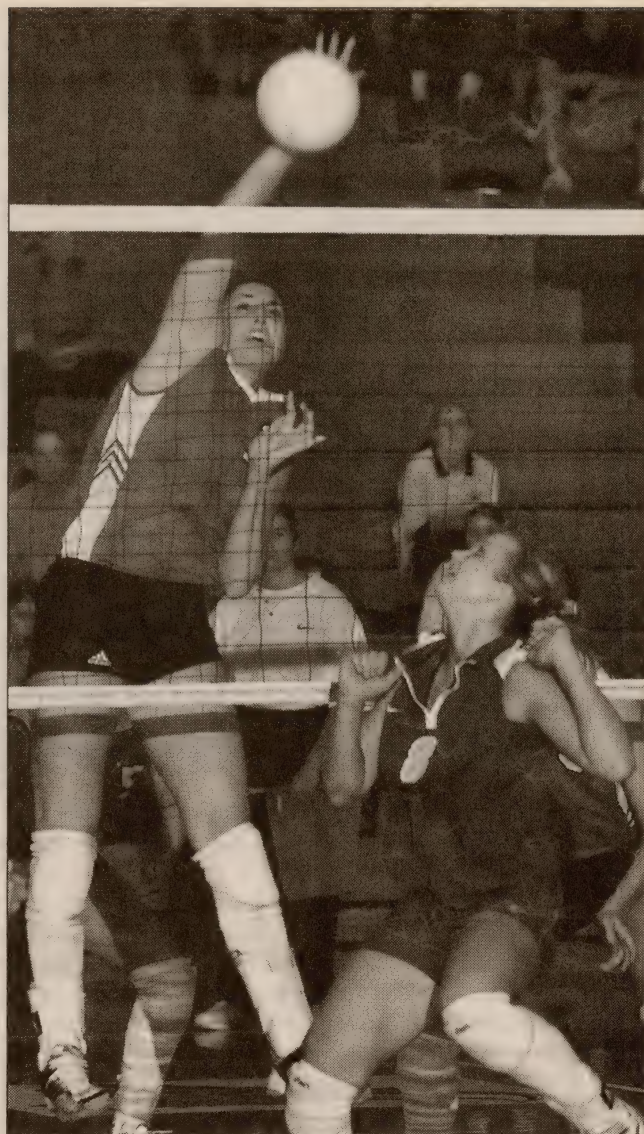


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*Top: UNO's Katie Blacketer spikes against Greta Lisakka from Minnesota-Duluth.*



*Left: Kylie Lebeda (left) and Jewelina Grennan try to block a spike from the opponent.*

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# Tribute to a UNO volleyball legend

## Mastny: On the other side now

LEIA BAEZ

Senior Nikki Mastny, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter from Norfolk, had always dreamt of being a volleyball coach. But her coaching career started sooner than she had hoped.

The two-time all-American, who led the Mavericks with 513 digs and 14 solo blocks in 2000, did not play her senior season due to scoliosis.

Instead, Mastny was on the UNO volleyball roster as an assistant coach.

After redshirting during the 2001 season due to back surgery, Mastny was hoping to get back on the court where she could finish the last season of her volleyball career.

"You tell me I can't do something and I am going to keep on trying and trying," Mastny said.

But the pain just became too much of a problem for Mastny, who ended her career with 1,162 kills and 1,079 digs.

"I'm in the pain all the time," Mastny said.

But pain did not stop Mastny from making a contribution to the team her senior year.

With a steel rod and eight screws in her back, both Mastny and Head Coach Rose Shires believed Mastny's future was more important than risking what might happen if she were to play.

"After talking with Nikki's family and her physician, I think it is the best thing for Nikki," Shires said.

So Mastny helped out the team in a way she was still able — as a coach.

UNO also added Kylie Lebeda, a former standout from the College of St. Mary to help in the coaching duties.

With both Mastny and Lebeda, who combine for five all-American honors, as assistant coaches, the Mavericks' staff brings more talent and experience to the UNO volleyball program.

"I think together we bring a lot of experience, maybe if [the team members] have a problem, they can come to us knowing we have been in those situations," Lebeda said.

Mastny was able to get clearance to play the final two matches of the season for UNO.

She had 30 kills in eight games and had a .361 hitting percentage.

She ranks 10th all-time in career kills, 15th in career digs and 10th in block assists.



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# Awards abundant in dream season

PAUL FREELAND

Perfection, it seemed, was the only thing to elude the Maverick soccer team, as UNO compiled a 22-1 record and an NCAA Division II championship match appearance.

Signs of a breakout year for the Mavs started early in the season, as UNO recorded shutouts in seven straight matches, including a 2-0 blanking of Division I Creighton University. Road wins over North Central Conference foes Northern Colorado (5-1) and Minnesota State-Mankato (3-0) helped clinch the regular-season NCC title for the Mavs and the chance to host the conference tournament.

UNO had a perfect 4-0 postseason record going into the tournament, having won the two previous tournaments but not advancing to the NCAA tournament. The Mavericks left the selection committee few options, as they topped first-time participant North Dakota 3-0 and Minnesota-Mankato 5-2 in the championship game.

After receiving a first-round bye, UNO beat Truman State 3-0 and advanced to face No. 1 Northern Kentucky in Kentucky. Jessica Dotson's 65<sup>th</sup>-minute goal knocked out the top-ranked Norse and sent the Mavs to the national semifinals in Virginia Beach, Va.

Sporting the only entirely domestically based lineup of the final four teams, the Mavericks defeated No. 4 Franklin Pierce 3-1 behind two second-half tallies from senior Stephanie Kruse and one goal from Stephanie Kirby. The win put UNO in the title match alongside No. 2 Christian Brothers, 1-0 overtime winners over Metropolitan State.

Division I transfer Missy Gregg scored her 62<sup>nd</sup> goal of the season in the third minute, putting the Mavs behind for the first time all season. Kruse leveled the game in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute with her 24<sup>th</sup> goal, but Anna Rask put CBU ahead to stay in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute with a breakaway goal.

Awards during and after the season were manifold

for the Mavericks. Head Coach Don Klosterman was named Division II women's soccer coach of the year, Kruse and Kirby were named first team all-Americans and freshman goalkeeper Amy Price was named second team all-American. Kruse, Kirby, Price, Becca Fritz and Meghan Pile were all named to the all-NCC first team, and Anne Willrett, Dotson and Rachel Tushner made second team all-NCC.

Kruse won NCC player of the year, Pile took freshman of the year and Klosterman won NCC coach of the year.

Kruse, Julie Moeller and Akeisha Varnado all graduated from the UNO roster along with student assistant Jessica Butler. The four players, Klosterman's first set of recruits, left UNO with a 68-16 record in the school's first four years of competition.



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*No. 13 Stephanie Kruse celebrates her first and what would become the winning goal with Julie Moeller and No. 6 Ashley Grace during the Division II national championship game in Virginia Beach, N.C.*

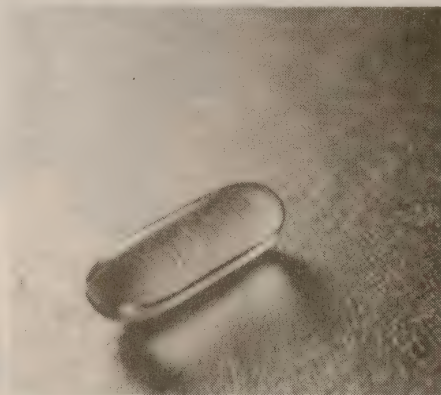
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*Rachel Tushner gets helped off the field after pulling her hamstring during the first game of the Division II National Championship Tournament.*

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# Postseason run falls short, Mav men snubbed

PAUL FREELEND

A late charge and wins over two regionally ranked foes was not enough for the Maverick men's basketball team, as it was denied an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II tournament.

The team knocked off North Dakota 81-73 in the first round of the North Central Conference tournament, but it followed with an 80-65 upset of South Dakota State in the semifinals before falling to top-seed St. Cloud State 88-78. Despite those wins, the Mavericks were passed over by the selection committee in favor of teams like Fort Lewis, a team the Mavs defeated 88-58 in the 2002 regional tournament, and North Dakota.

UNO started the season quickly, winning 10 of its first 11 games with only a loss at eventual Elite Eight participant University of Nebraska at Kearney interrupting the wins. North Dakota snapped the Mavs' 15-game home winning streak with a last-second 69-67 win Jan. 4, but the Mavericks rallied and carried a 5-2 NCC record into the second half of conference play.

As the season wore on, winning on the road became

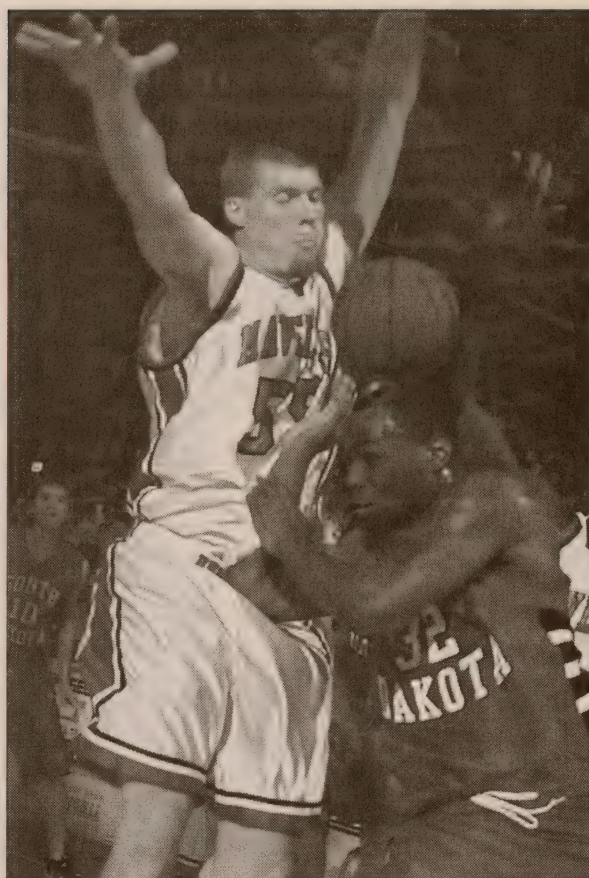


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an arduous task for the Mavs. While UNO held serve at home, the Mavericks had to rally from five points down with 40 seconds left in their final game at last-place Augustana to force overtime and pull out their first NCC road win since their first road game at Northern Colorado Jan. 9.

The win moved the team into a fifth-place tie with South Dakota, but the Mavs slid to sixth place on tiebreakers and met up with UND.

The Mavs' win in Grand Forks broke the Fighting Sioux's 22-game winning streak at Hyslop Arena.

UNO's 20-win season is the seventh in school history. It marked the first time in program history that the Mavericks (20-10) recorded consecutive 20-win seasons.

Adam Wetzel was the lone Mav to be named all-NCC. Seth Nelson and Dan Morrow were given honorable mention. Ryan Curtis was named NCC freshman of the year, Nelson made his third-straight appearance on the NCC all-academic team and Morrow received honorable mention. Wetzel, Morrow and Nelson, who accounted for 49.6 percent of UNO's offense, were the team's three graduating seniors.

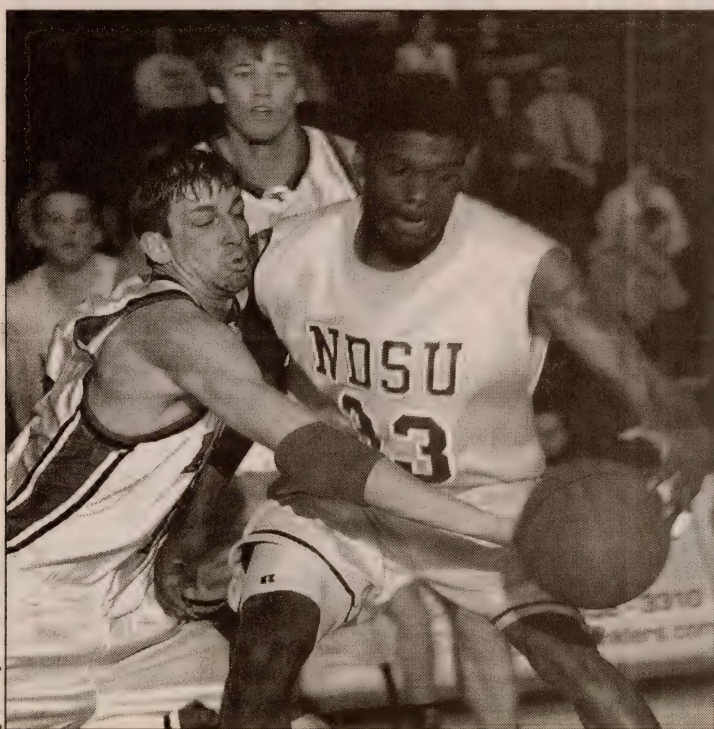


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# Just how tough is Greg Zanon?

BRIAN BRASHAW

It's almost as if you would take the bet on him in an Ultimate Fighting Championship bout against Ken Shamrock simply because he has shown time and again just how hardcore he can be.

UNO hockey team co-captain Greg Zanon has been called many things, including the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's hardest hitter in a poll last year. The one thing teams fear most is his rifle slapshot known as the Zanon Cannon.

Zanon has victimized goalies for 30 goals in his career at UNO, many of which were straight wicked shots from the blue line. In fact, the Cannon has been clocked at 98 MPH.

However, it's the resiliency, determination, and overall toughness that sets Zanon apart from other defenseman. Those things are also what led his teammates to choose him as a captain. The Mavericks' series against Merrimack Nov. 29 and 30 was testament to his efforts.

In the first game of the series, Zanon went down to block a shot in the third period and was cut in the chest by teammate Josh Weeks' skate. The skate tore into Zanon, and he went off bleeding. He took 10 stitches and returned to play in overtime.

The next night, Zanon lost two of those stitches. He scored two goals and assisted on three others to set a school record with five points in a game, and led the Mavericks, who were trailing 3-0, to a 5-3 win.

"He gave a Greg Zanon performance," Coach Mike Kemp said. "He's a guy who says, 'Get on my shoulders, we're going to get this thing done.' Tonight he did that, clearly."

With eight stitches left in his chest and 18 guys on his back, Zanon led the team to a win he would go down in history for.

Zanon scored his last goal in front of an Omaha crowd in his last game in the Civic March 8,

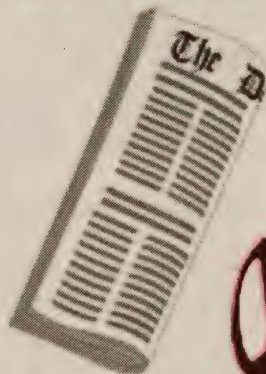


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# Mavs say farewell to the Civic

BRIAN BRASHAW

It's hard to believe the story goes back to 1975.

Mike Kemp, just out of college, came to Omaha to coach a club hockey team in hopes that the following year, the team would go varsity.

It didn't happen, and Kemp skated back to begin his coaching career as an assistant at Wisconsin.

But the job came calling again, and the lure of coaching at the Civic was too much for Kemp to deny.

So in 1996, Kemp again came to UNO and helped begin an era.

Don Leahy, UNO's athletic director at the time, struck a deal with the city to play hockey at an ideal place for college hockey – the Civic Auditorium. It was one of the largest college hockey venues at the time.

Tickets first went on sale May 1, 1996, and season tickets were sold out by May 16.

And every ticket every available since then has officially been sold.

The first game played at the Civic, an Oct. 17, 1997, exhibition against the University of Manitoba, marked the beginning of the era.

And March 8, the night of the last game played there, was a time for celebration.

What started out as a hockey game turned into a spectacle.

For the 126th consecutive time, 8,314 gathered to pay homage to the Mav hockey team.

The UNO Athletic Department rented the old barn for a celebration that lasted from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Before the game started, announcer Fred Brooks preached about the memories Mav fans held of the Civic, and a pyrotechnic display greeted the team as it took the ice for the last time.

The four seniors, David Graham, David Brisson, Greg Zanon and Joe Pereira, were honored for their contributions to the program.

And then a hockey game broke out.

UNO skated to a 2-2 tie against the Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks.

Afterward, balloons fell as a symbolic final curtain call.

As the balloons popped, so, too, did the timeline of the Civic.

Final speeches were made as Zanon and Kemp spoke of their fondness of the Civic and how much it meant to the program.

"Finally, at our last night at the Civic, the only home we've known," Kemp said, "we thank you, the fans. And my hope is that you bring this enthusiasm to our new home."

It is hoped that between now and October the faithful can recruit enough to build the flock and fill the 14,500-seat MECA arena next season.



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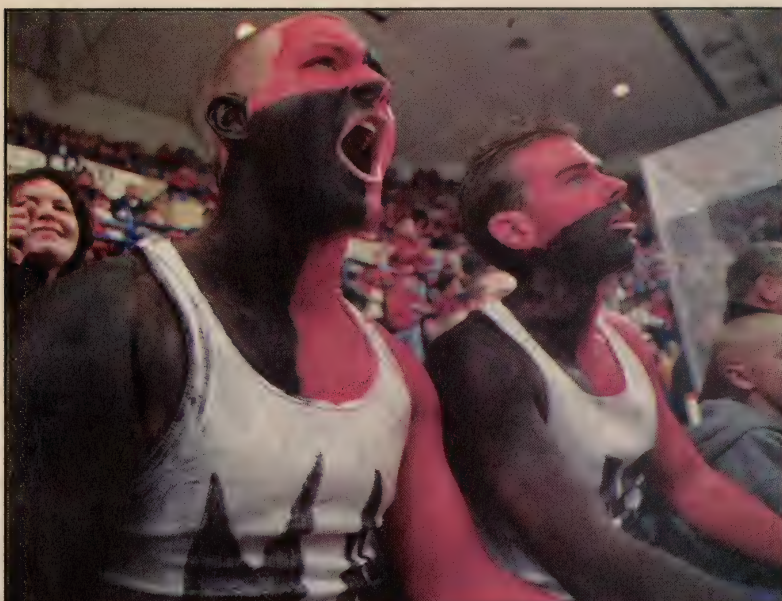


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*Top left: Mike Behrens (left) and Matt McDonald go all out for the final game at the Civic.*

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*Bottom right (previous page): Fans pat Aaron Smith on his helmet as he gets ready to take the ice.*

*Right: Balloons fall from the ceiling at the end of the last game at the Civic.*

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# Hockey grows through pains

BRIAN BRASHAW

Ohio State ended the UNO hockey team's season for the second time in three years March 15.

The Buckeyes swept the Mavericks in the first round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs 4-1, 3-1, sealing the fate of a team that had struggled all year for a number of reasons.

UNO finished 13-22-5 overall and 10th place in the conference with a 9-17-2 mark. Though Head Coach Mike Kemp's team saw



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the return of the school's first all-American, Greg Zanon, and the eventual all-time leading scorer, David Brisson, it struggled with youth and growing pains much of the season.

Eight freshmen and seven sophomores lined the roster for UNO, most of whom saw plenty of playing time.

UNO battled through numerous injuries to key players. Chris Claffey went down early in the year with a season-ending partial Achilles tear, and Zanon sat out much of the season battling knee problems. UNO also lost one of its offensive catalysts in Gus Groslic when he retired due to complications resulting from post-concussion syndrome.

"It's never a good situation when a player is forced to end his career," Kemp said when Groslic announced his retirement. "You want everyone to be able to go out on their own terms. Our program will suffer a loss without Gus being able to contribute on the ice."

UNO closed its last season at the Civic Auditorium with a 9-9-3 home record and finished 64-51-10 in the venue.

The team's best stretch came in late November, when the Mavericks won a thrilling game over Northern Michigan, beat and tied Merrimack and went on the road to sweep Lake Superior. UNO also had a sweep against Ohio State, then ranked No. 6 in the nation, at the Civic Jan 24 and 25.

UNO lost four seniors to graduation, Brisson, Zanon, Joe Pereira and David Graham. It also lost Jason Jaworski, who is seeking a future in the minor-league ranks. Dan Ellis will return for his senior season, when a host of hot young players will anchor the squad.



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# Outdoor track team strides toward nationals

J. PARKER ADAIR

The UNO women's outdoor track team began its season, winning the Northwest Missouri State Invitational.

Coach Tim Hendricks attributed the success of the outdoor team to the fact that the team competes in various forms at a high level all year long.

The team started out with a full cross country schedule and then had a full indoor track season before the outdoor season began.

"We were pretty pleased at how things turned out [with cross country]," Hendricks said. "I guess the only disappointment with cross country is that we finished fourth in the conference, but then ... we wound up going to the national tournament."

It was the first time that the cross country team qualified for the national meet, and it finished 16th at the meet.

"We were in the toughest region in the country. We had missed by one place the last three or four years, and so we finally got in," Hendricks said. "It was good for the seniors that they got to go. It was good for the freshmen to experience that. Hopefully, it will keep them hungry, and they will do that again."

Hendricks built on that momentum going into the indoor sea-



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son, and again took his team to a national meet.

"The indoor season again we were only third in the North Central, but we had gone in with the expectation that we didn't want to finish any worse than second, but that's the breaks," Hendricks said. "The mile relay was ran extremely well, which finished third, and then the other two events, the 20-pound weight and the triple jump, we were a little disappointed there, we were hoping that they could finish a little bit higher."



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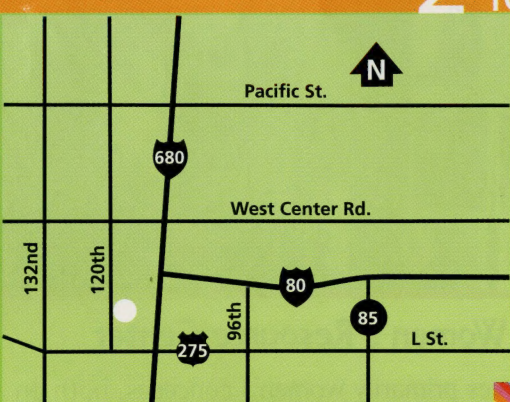
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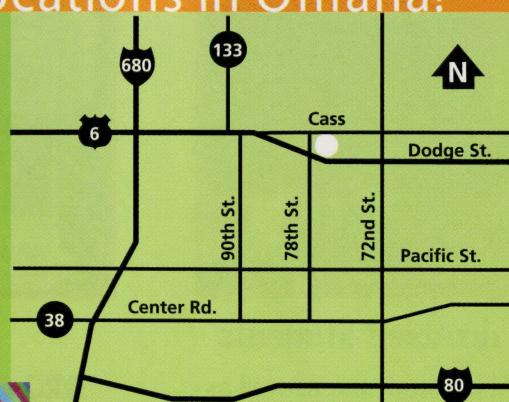
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